

2013 Senate Bill 341 (LRB -2991)

An Act to amend 348.07 (2) (k) and 348.10 (1); and to create 348.05 (2) (m) of the statutes; relating to: the maximum width of, and projecting loads on, vehicles carrying poles, pipe, girders, and similar materials.

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10-14.	S.	Introduced by Senators Petrowski, Cowles, Grothman, Kedzie, Schultz and Tiffany ; cosponsored by Representatives Ripp, Brooks, Bewley, Clark, Czaja, Danou, Kahl, T. Larson, Milroy, Mursau, Nygren, A. Ott, Smith, Spiros, Vruwink and Williams.	412
10-14.	S.	Read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation, Public Safety, and Veterans and Military Affairs	412
10-31.	S.	Public hearing held	
11-06.	S.	Executive action taken	
11-06.	S.	Report passage recommended by Committee on Transportation, Public Safety, and Veterans and Military Affairs, Ayes 5, Noes 0	468
11-06.	S.	Available for scheduling	
11-11.	S.	Placed on calendar 11-12-2013 pursuant to Senate Rule 18(1)	480
11-12.	S.	Senator Vinehout added as a coauthor	485
11-12.	S.	Read a second time	488
11-12.	S.	Ordered to a third reading	488
11-12.	S.	Rules suspended	488
11-12.	S.	Read a third time and passed	488
11-12.	S.	Ordered immediately messaged	489
11-13.	A.	Received from Senate	445
11-25.	A.	Read first time and referred to committee on Rules	479

2014

02-13.	A.	Placed on calendar 2-18-2014 by Committee on Rules	
02-18.	A.	Rules suspended to withdraw from calendar and take up	
02-18.	A.	Read a second time	
02-18.	A.	Ordered to a third reading	
02-18.	A.	Rules suspended	
02-18.	A.	Read a third time and concurred in	
02-18.	A.	Representative Wright added as a cosponsor	
02-18.	A.	Ordered immediately messaged	
02-19.	S.	Received from Assembly concurred in	

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October 14, 2013 – Introduced by Senators PETROWSKI, COWLES, GROTHMAN, KEDZIE, SCHULTZ and TIFFANY, cosponsored by Representatives RIPP, BROOKS, BEWLEY, CLARK, CZAJA, DANOU, KAHL, T. LARSON, MILROY, MURSAU, NYGREN, A. OTT, SMITH, SPIROS, VRUWINK and WILLIAMS. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Public Safety, and Veterans and Military Affairs.

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2 the statutes; **relating to:** the maximum width of, and projecting loads on,
3 vehicles carrying poles, pipe, girders, and similar materials.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, no person may operate on a highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles that exceeds certain statutory limits on size, weight, or load unless an exception applies or the person possesses a permit issued by the Department of Transportation or local highway authorities. Current law generally prohibits a person from operating on a highway, without a permit, any vehicle having a total outside width in excess of eight feet six inches. Current law also generally prohibits a person from operating on a highway any single vehicle with an overall length in excess of 45 feet or any combination of two vehicles with an overall length in excess of 70 feet. Under one exception, a person may operate, without a permit, a single vehicle with an overall length not exceeding 60 feet, and a two-vehicle combination with an overall length not exceeding 120 feet, if the vehicle or vehicle combination is used by a pipeline company or operator, public service corporation, municipal utility, or cooperative association (collectively a “utility”), or by a motor carrier operating under contract with a utility, for transportation of poles, pipe, girders, and similar materials.

Also under current law, with limited exceptions, no person may operate on a highway, without a permit, any vehicle or vehicle combination carrying a load extending more than three feet beyond the front of the vehicle.

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This bill allows a vehicle or vehicle combination used by a utility, or by a motor carrier operating under contract with a utility, for transportation of poles, pipe, girders, and similar materials to, without a permit: 1) have a total outside width not exceeding nine feet; and 2) carry a load extending not more than ten feet beyond the front bumper of the vehicle or foremost vehicle in the vehicle combination.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1 **SECTION 1.** 348.05 (2) (m) of the statutes is created to read:

2 348.05 (2) (m) Nine feet for a vehicle or vehicle combination used by a pipeline
3 company or operator, public service corporation, municipal utility, or cooperative
4 association described in s. 196.01 (5) (b) 1., or by a motor carrier operating under
5 contract with a pipeline company or operator, public service corporation, municipal
6 utility, or cooperative association described in s. 196.01 (5) (b) 1., for transportation
7 of poles, pipe, girders and similar materials.

8 **SECTION 2.** 348.07 (2) (k) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 348.07 (2) (k) Sixty feet for a single vehicle, and 120 feet for a 2-vehicle
10 combination, used by a pipeline company or operator, public service corporation,
11 municipal utility, or cooperative association described in s. 196.01 (5) (b) 1., or by a
12 motor carrier operating under contract with a pipeline company or operator, public
13 service corporation, municipal utility, or cooperative association described in s.
14 196.01 (5) (b) 1., for transportation of poles, pipe, girders and similar materials. A
15 vehicle or vehicle combination described in this paragraph may, in addition to the
16 vehicle length specified in this paragraph, carry a load extending not more than 10
17 feet beyond the front bumper of the vehicle or foremost vehicle in the vehicle
18 combination.

19 **SECTION 3.** 348.10 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 348.10 (1) No person, without a permit therefor, may operate on a highway any
2 vehicle or combination of vehicles with any load thereon extending more than 3 feet
3 beyond the front of the foremost vehicle, except as provided in s. 348.07 (2) (j) and (k),
4 and except that a vehicle carrying another vehicle equipped with a crane or boom
5 which extends more than 3 feet beyond the front of the foremost vehicle may be
6 operated without permit if the total length of the vehicle or combination of vehicles,
7 measuring from the end of the foremost projection of the load to the rear of the
8 rearmost vehicle, does not exceed statutory length limitations.

9 **SECTION 4. Initial applicability.**

10 (1) This act first applies to vehicles operated on the effective date of this
11 subsection.

12 (END)